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SUBJECT: SAVIMBI DESCRIBES A MODERATE FOREIGN POLICY FOR UNITA

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

1. SUMMARY. UNITA PRESIDENT JONAS SAVIMBI HAS OUTLINED A PRAGMATIC, NON-IDEALOGICAL FOREIGN POLICY. HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE LIMITED ASSISTANCE TO OTHER AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND THE RECOGNITION OF THE NEED FOR WESTERN TECHNICAL AID.

2. IN A SPEECH ON FEBRUARY EIGHT BEFORE A UNITA PARTY CONFERENCE, JONAS SAVIMBI SET FORTH THE OUTLINE OF UNITA'S
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FOREIGN POLICY. AS A PARTY WITH A GOOD CHANCE OF EMERGING

FROM THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS LATER THIS YEAR WITH A PLURALITY, UNITA'S POLICIES WILL PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN SETTING THE TONE OF ANGOLA'S POST-INDEPENDENCE FOREIGN POLICY.

3. ZAIRE, CONGO, ZAMBIA: GOOD RELATIONS WITH THESE STATES ARE VITAL AND ATTAINABLE, BUT ONLY ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ONE ANOTHER.

4. ZIMBABUE, AZANIA AND NAMIBIA: UNITA IS READY TO OFFER ASSISTANCE, "WITHIN CERTAIN LIMITS" TO THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN THESE STATES. UNITA WILL NOT RPT NOT PERMIT THESE GROUPS TO OPERATE INSIDE ANGOLA. "IF THEY WANT OUR HELP THEY WILL HAVE TO RETURN TO THEIR COUNTRIES AND FIGHT WITH THEIR PEOPLE." SAVIMBI ONCE AGAIN ATTACKED THE HIGH LIVING OF LIBERATION GROUP LEADERS WHO STAY OUTSIDE THEIR COUNTRIES, SPENDING SOMEONE ELSE'S MONEY.

5. OAU: SAVIMBI STRONGLY CHIDED THE OAU FOR ITS BELATED RECOGNITION OF UNITA BUT SAID HE WOULD WORK TO DEVELOP GOOD MUTUAL RELATIONS WITH THE ORGANIZATION.

6. SOCIALIST COUNTRIES: IF THE SOCIALIST NATIONS WILL ACCEPT ANGOLA AS SHE IS, AND LET HER ALONE, THEN SAVIMBI WILL ESTABLISH "FRIENDLY" RELATIONS WITH THEM. BUT, HE ADDED, WHEN THEY "TRY TO INTERFERE AND IMPOSE ON ANGOLA A SYSTEM THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN PROVEN DEFECTIVE IN THEIR OWN COUNTRIES, WE WILL SAY NO." NO ONE, NOT EVEN SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, "ARE GOING TO THINK FOR US."

7. WESTERN COUNTRIES: HE ALSO CALLED FOR "GOOD RELATIONS" WITH THE WESTERN WORLD. HE STATED THAT THE WEST DID NOT AGREE WITH THE ANGOLANS' FIGHT AGAINST COLONIALISM, AND, IN FACT, HELPED THE PORTUGUESE WITH ARMS AND MONEY BUT THE PEOPLE OF ANGOLA HAD DEFEATED THE PORTUGUESE AND THE ARROGANCE OF THE WESTERN COUNTRIES. WESTERN TECHNOLOGY, HE ADDED, IS FAR SUPERIOR TO THE SOCIALIST STATES AND "WE WILL ESTABLISH GOOD RELATIONS IN ORDER TO BENEFIT OUR PEOPLE." HE CONCLUDED BY STATING THAT SOME THINK YOU ARE A REACTIONARY BY ASKING FOR AID FROM THE UNITED STATES, "BUT THE SOVIET UNION ASKS MONEY FROM THE U.S. AND THEY ARE NOT REACTIONARIES."

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8. COMMENT: SAVIMBI'S CALL FOR NON-INTEREERENCE WAS AIMED AT ZAIRE'S SUPPORT FOR FNLA AND THAT OF ZAMBIA AND THE CONGO FOR THE MPLA. HIS SLAP AT LIBERATION LEADERS WHO LIVE IT UP OUTSIDE THEIR COUNTRIES IS A NOT SO SUBTLE REMINDER THAT SAVIMBI WAS THE ONLY ANGOLAN LEADER TO FIGHT INSIDE NATIONAL TERRITORY.
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